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FOR S/PC MR. NEUBERT FROM LORD

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TAGS:

SUBJECT: US/JAPAN PLANNING TALKS

1. I MET WITH TACHIBANA CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE PLANNING TALKS. HE SAID THAT THEY NOW EXPECT THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IN DECEMBER TO LAST TWO WEEKS AND THEREFORE VICE MINISTER HOGEN WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17. THEY BELIEVE THE MOST CONVENIENT DATES FOR THEM WILL BE DECEMBER 19-21, WITH A POSSIBILITY THAT DECEMBER 17-19 MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE PREFERABLE. THAT WEEK TURNS OUT TO BE BEST FOR ME AS WELL, GIVEN THE CHANCE THAT I STILL MIGHT BE GOING ON THE SECRETARY'S NATO TRIP. I THEREFORE TOLD TACHIBANA THAT WE WOULD CHECK OUT THESE DATES WITH OUR SIDE'S PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. THEY WILL LET US KNOW WITHIN A FEW DAYS WHICH OF THE ABOVE DATES THEY PREFER AND WE WILL CONFIRM TO THEM OUR OWN AVAILABILITY. I URGED TACHIBANA TO CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE PROBLEM OF RESERVATIONS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THIS PERIOD WILL BE CLOSE TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

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2. I BRIEFLY EXPLORED WITH TACHIBANA CONTINGENCY

DATES IF THE ABOVE PROVED IMPOSSIBLE. OBVIOUSLY ANY LATER IN DECEMBER IS OUT FOR OUR SIDE AND JANUARY IS OUT FOR HOGEN BECAUSE OF ASIAN TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR OHIRA. THUS, I VERY MUCH HOPE WE CAN LINE UP THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN EA AND EUR AS WELL AS RUSH. THE JAPANESE REALLY EXPECT RUSH TO ATTEND FOR PART OF THE CONFERENCE IF HOGEN IS TO COME. HOGEN HOPES TO MAKE IT FOR THE SECOND DAY AND THE FREE DISCUSSION SESSION ON THE FINAL DAY, AND THEY EXPECT RUSH AND/OR PORTER TO BE THERE WHILE HE IS. PLEASE EXPLORE THESE DATES WITH THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE.

3. FOR TOKYO: PLEASE EXPLORE THESE DATES WITH AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL WHOM WE VERY MUCH HOPE CAN ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

4. TACHIBANA AND I RECONFIRMED THE AGENDA THAT WE SENT BACK TO THE JAPANESE AS I LEFT WASHINGTON. WE AGREED TO EXCHANGE PAPERS BY NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3 WHICH WILL GIVE US MORE TIME FOR PREPARATION BUT STILL ALLOW US TO POUCH THEM. WE RECONFIRMED THAT THE PAPERS WOULD BE RELATIVELY BRIEF AND THAT ALL SUBJECTS WOULD BE COVERED EXCEPT THE FREE DISCUSSION. KISSINGER

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